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Dear Friend,

During my time in the District this month I continued the health care reform conversation with constituents at the Galt town hall and during a visit with a group of doctors at Mercy Hospital in Folsom.

The visit with the doctors produced common themes: 1) a need for tort reform so doctors don't have to practice "defensive medicine." Reducing the number of frivolous



Congressman Lungren hosts a meeting with 200 of his constituents at a town hall meeting in Galt, where health care reform dominated the discussion.

lawsuits should lower malpractice fears, lead to fewer tests being ordered as "insurance" against lawsuits and ultimately result in lower costs for services. 2) provide an avenue for people with "pre-existing conditions" to obtain health insurance. I have said there is a need to cover pre-existing conditions. Exchanges would offer an assortment of insurance plans as would the ability to purchase plans across state lines. This will work if it rewards insurers who provide coverage for high-risk subscribers. The best thing about these ideas: neither would cause you to lose the insurance you have or devote billions more dollars toward a so-called "public" government option.



Also this month we hosted our fifth face-to-face town hall over a 30-day period. The 200 attendees at

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Congressman Lungren speaks with a constituent at Carmichael's Founders Day about the changing automotive technologies over the past 100 years.

Galt High School were as passionate as any we had met during the August District work period. Health care

reform dominated the conversation – especially the proposed cost – which many feared would saddle coming generations with continued multi-trillion-dollar deficits and oppressive tax burdens, and likely impact negatively our appropriations for the military and Homeland Security. As I told the group in Galt: "I take very seriously the commitment to the next generations to leave them with less debt and more freedom, and this doesn't cut it."

This past weekend, I returned to the District to commemorate two community milestones: the 100th anniversary of the founding of Carmichael and the 75th anniversary of Sacramento's unique and effective Safety Center. In honor of both these occasions, I inserted into the Congressional Record two proclamations, which I then presented to those gathered at Carmichael's Founder's Day and to the Safety Center (read them in the "Quick Hits" list in the toolbar on the right).

On Monday I addressed the Sacramento Metro Chamber Leadership Breakfast and presented my take on the Iran situation – different than the Obama Administration's. I question why



Congressman Lungren addresses the Sacramento Metro Chamber Leadership Breakfast regarding the Iranian nuclear threat and our missile defense systems

now – at the very time when Iran is advancing its nuclear armament – we decide to scrap missile defense options that would protect us and our allies. True, the shipboard weapons systems of the future that will replace those in Eastern Europe may be a fine idea for the future. But the present danger and potential proliferation will not wait for the future. Though Russia may be happy about the Obama decision, I don't think their happiness is our mission. We must be prepared for any future threat. But let's not forget those threats of today and tomorrow.

I'll see you in a couple of weeks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Lungren".

Daniel E. Lungren

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